GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ROLE AND STATUS OF WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view of raise the general awareness about the role and status of women and to identify the different funding resource needs, women representing agencies across the world gathered at Hyderabad in the month of January, 2002 at the Third International Network of Women's Fund;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held;

(c) whether the work of development of women is hampered for lack of funds;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the steps the Government propose to take for upliftment of women in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) The Department of Women & Child Development isnot aware of the Third International Network of Women'sFund held in Hyderabad in the month of January, 2002.

(c)&(d) Adequate flow of resources for the benefit of women has been ensured through a number of schemes for welfare and development of women. The concept of Women Component Plan has been introduced for allocation of funds/benefits for women in the programmes of the respective Ministries/Departments right from the planning process.

(e) The Government has already taken a number of initiatives to ensure upliftment of women and their active participation in all spheres of national activities. Some of the major initiatives which are proposed to be taken are as follows:

• Formulation of an Action Plan to implement the provisions of the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women and constitution of a Council at the Central level headed by the Prime Minister to oversee its implementation.

• Review of laws having provisions affecting women to remove gender discriminatory provisions from them.

• Strengthening of schemes under implementation for upliftment of women and enhancement of the corpus fund of Rashtriya Mahila Kosh.